

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary

Application No.

09/878,311

Applicant(s)

OKINAKA ET AL.

Examiner

John P. Sheehan

Art Unit

1742

All Participants:

(1) John P. Sheehan.

(2) Mr. Arthur R. Crawford.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 12 August 2004

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

15

Prior art documents discussed:

none

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: During prosecution applicants requested rejoinder of non-elected process claim 15 when product claims 9 to 12 and 16 become allowable. Claims 9 to 12 and 16 are now allowable. However, claim 15 depends from each of claims 9 and 14 and therefore is an improper multi-dependent claim. The Examiner proposed an Examiner's Amendment canceling claim 15 and rewriting claim 15 as new claim 17 (see the attached Examiner's Amendment). Applicants' attorney, Mr. Crawford, authorized the Examiner's Amendment.